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SUBJECT: COUP PLOT - KHAN MOHAMMAD

REF: KABUL 7122

1. ALL KABUL PAPERS OCTOBER 6 PUBLISHED DOCUMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 26 WITH ONE QUESTION AND ANSWER. KHAN MOHAMMAD'S ANSWER TO QUESTION RE WHAT HELP FORMER PRIMIN MAIWANDWAL HAD TOLD HIS FELLOW COUP PLOTTERS THEY COULD EXPECT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN THE MEETING WHICH WAS HELD WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF MR. MAIWANDWAL, MR. MOHAMMAD HASHEM MAIWANDWAL SAID THAT A FOREIGN COUNTRY WAS READY TO HELP US WITH MONEY AND ARMS, LIGHT ARMS, THAT IS, PISTOLS, RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS, ROCKET LAUNCHERS, AND HOWITZERS. THESE WOULD BE PUT AT OUR DISPOSAL THROUGH POSSIBLE WAYS, AND OF COURSE ONCE EVERYTHING WAS AT OUR DISPOSAL, WE WOULD LAUNCH OUR COUP. OUR CONTACTS WITH THIS COUNTRY ARE CONTINUING." KABUL TIMES ALSO REPUBLISHED MAIWANDWAL DOCUMENT

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(SECOND DOCUMENT MENTIONED REFTTEL) WITH INTERPRETIVE COMMENT

THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO TESTIMONY OF THOSE WHO HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST HIM.

2. PAK COUNSELLOR BABAR TOLD ADCM OCTOBER 6 THAT MFA CONTACT (UNIDENTIFIED) HAD TOLD HIM EVIDENCE FOREIGN COUNTRY MENTIONED BUT NOT IDENTIFIED BY KHAN MOHAMMAD CONCLUSIVELY PROVED IT WAS PAKISTAN. AFGHAN SOURCE WAS POSITIVE AND DETERMINED IN FACE BABAR'S PROTESTATIONS TO CONTRARY. DEPFONMIN ALSO TOLD CHARGE OCTOBER 7 THAT PAKISTAN DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED BY KHAN MOHAMMAD. HOWEVER, GOA NOT PUBLISHING THIS FACT AT PRESENT FOR REASONS OF DIPLOMACY.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PUBLICATION EVIDENCE OF FOREIGN COUNTRY INVOLVEMENT AND DOES NOT IDENTIFY COUNTRY; HOWEVER, THERE ARE FEW AFGHANS WHO DO NOT KNOW THAT PAKISTAN IS COUNTRY MEANT. ENGLISH TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY KABUL TIMES OF MAIWANDWAL DOCUMENT NOTED ABOVE ONLY SAYS MAIWANDWAL HAS NO OBJECTION TO LISTENING TO TESTIMONY AND "NO OBJECTION IN THE COURT." WE DO NOT INTERPRET THIS NECESSARILY TO MEAN THAT HE ACCEPTED THIS TESTIMONY AS ACCURATE AND TRUTHFUL. THIS POINT MAY OR MAY NOT BE FURTHER CLARIFIED BY GOA.

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